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Senate

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. BYRD].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," saith the Lord.—Zechariah 4:6.

Almighty God, our Adonai, thank You for these salient words reminding us that You are the only reliable source of strength to accomplish anything of lasting value. These words spoken through Zechariah and repeated during the days of Hanukkah have particular significance to us this year. We claim the meaning of the word Hanukkah, "dedication," as we rededicate our lives to serve You in the struggle to assure religious freedom for all people. We join with Jewish people in the celebration of the Feast of Dedication and remember the victory in 165 B.C. of the Maccabees over the tyrant Antiochus IV Epiphanes and his troops who had occupied Jerusalem, desecrated the temple, and sought to destroy forever the Hebrew religion.

We celebrate this victory that enabled the Jews to rededicate the temple and once again worship You freely. Gratefully, we remember the one remaining flask of pure olive oil left in the temple that You kept burning for 8 days and 8 nights until the supply could be replenished. Now, as Jews light menorahs, we ask You to light up all of our hearts with Your truth so

that we all can shine in the spiritual darkness of our time when evil things are done in the name of religion, and where religious freedom is denied people. We dedicate ourselves to battle injustice not by our might or our power, but by the courage of Your Spirit. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority whip is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this afternoon we are going to consider the farm bill. There will be no rollcall votes today. The next rollcall votes will occur on Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. on judicial nominations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1786 and S. 1789

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills—S. 1786 and S. 1789—at the desk, having been read the first time. Is that true?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. That is correct.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order, en bloc, for these two bills to receive a second reading, but I would then object to any further consideration on the legislation.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the request that the two bills be considered en bloc?

Hearing no objection, it is so ordered. The two bills are considered, en bloc.

Is there objection to the second reading of the two bills, en bloc?

Hearing no objection, the two bills are read, en bloc.

The majority whip has objected to further reading of the bills. They will, consequently, be placed on the general orders calendar on the next legislative day.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION, AND RURAL ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2001

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to the consideration of S. 1731, which the clerk will report.

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